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## FOR WOMAN'S LIFE

Able and Eloquent Lawyers  
Contend Before Jury

## MRS. BRADLEY COLLAPSES

Frame Shaker by Sobs at Sight  
of Fatal Pistol

Brown Himself Responsible for  
Tragedy Declares Counsel for De-  
fense—Insanity Plea Ridiculed by  
Other Side—Large Crowd Eager  
Listeners to Arguments for and  
Against the Defendant.

Washington, November 30.—Elo-  
quent lawyers today made effective  
addresses before the jury in the case  
of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, on trial for  
the shooting and killing of former  
Senator Arthur M. Brown, of Utah, in  
this city last December.

There was a large gathering in  
Judge Stafford's court room, and all  
were eager listeners to the arguments  
for and against the defendant. As-  
sistant District Attorney Turner  
opened the final proceedings with a care-  
ful review of the testimony, analyzing  
in a masterful manner many conflict-  
ing statements. He frequently grew  
eloquent and evidently affected the  
defendant by his powerful review of  
the case.

He was followed by Robert Wells  
of counsel for the defendant, who con-  
cluded his impassioned address by  
declaring that Arthur Brown himself  
was responsible for the fatal shot as  
it was his acts that had fired the  
overwrought brain of the defendant  
and brought on his own destruction.

Court then took a recess until Mon-  
day morning, when four more hours  
will be devoted to arguments—  
conclusion of which and the Judge's  
charge, the case will be given to the  
jury.

Mrs. Bradley collapsed under the  
strain which she has suffered since  
her trial began and when she reached  
her room in the lower corridor of  
the court house at the end of the  
session today it was necessary for at-  
tendants to administer restoratives. It  
was some time before she was able to  
return to the jail.

While Mr. Turner was describing the  
scene of the killing of Senator Brown  
an attendant delivered to the district  
attorney a small package containing  
the pistol that had been used by Mrs.  
Bradley. The defendant evidently  
recognized the weapon as it was un-  
covered and laid at a convenient place  
near the speaker. She lowered her  
head and her frame was shaken with  
convulsive sobbing. Closing her eyes  
she remained as if in a stupor, only  
occasionally looking toward the jury  
and watching their faces.

The attorney insisted that the jury  
should cast aside all sentiment and  
treat the case exactly as if a man had  
done the shooting. He exhibited the  
defendant's pistol to the jury, to-  
gether with the hand bag in which  
it had been carried from Salt Lake  
City until Senator Brown was shot.  
He reviewed the evidence of insanity  
and declared that only the most tri-  
vial incidents could be cited to justify  
such a theory. He insisted that the  
jury should discard all thought of the  
mistreatment she had received from  
Senator Brown, as it could have noth-  
ing to do with their decision.

Mr. Turner strongly appealed to the  
emotions of the jury. He declared  
that Mrs. Brown was an outraged wo-  
man, and that Clarence Bradley was  
not a very bad husband and Mrs.  
Bradley should not have been un-  
happy with him. The case, he said, was  
worse than a scandal and a stench. It  
was a pretty dangerous woman that  
thinks a man who is not her husband  
more sacred than does his wife. He  
did not care whether she was brilliant  
or not. "When we take God's law  
into our own hands," he said, "we be-  
come pretty dangerous creatures."

He recalled Mrs. Bradley's efforts to  
induce Senator Brown to secure a di-  
vorce from his wife at a time when  
the wife was stricken with cancer  
and said that that act involved cruel-  
ty even greater than that shown in  
the shooting of Mr. Brown.

He ridiculed the idea that the de-  
fendant had had sepsis. "Sepsis," he  
said, "sets the blood boiling and sets  
the pulse to beating. Why even a  
horse doctor could have told if she  
had sepsis." He continued to ridi-  
cule the testimony that she suffered  
from toxic insanity.

Mr. Turner concluded his argument  
shortly after 12 o'clock and was at

once followed by Mr. Robert Wells of  
counsel for the defense.

Mr. Wells spoke with great force  
and at once took up the plea of in-  
sanity, saying that if Mrs. Bradley  
had been sane and wished to kill  
Arthur Brown she had thousands of  
opportunities to accomplish that pur-  
pose and cover up her crime.

"When she shot Arthur Brown she  
shot the thing she loved," declared the  
attorney in tragic tones, "and she still  
loves him today."

The defendant was so greatly over-  
come that Judge Powers of her coun-  
sel moved his chair to her side to  
save her from falling forward.

Mr. Wells concluded his address  
with quotations from Hawthorne's  
"Scarlet Letter" and declared that  
Arthur Brown himself was as much  
responsible for that fatal shot as was  
Annie Bradley because it was he who  
had caused to be planted within her  
the fatal disease that had resulted in  
the shot.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that also  
shall he reap," quoted the attorney,  
as he took his seat.

The court took a recess at 12:30  
o'clock until Monday morning.

READY FOR LONG VOYAGE

Torpedo Boat Destroyers to Start  
Mouday for Pacific Coast.

Norfolk, Va., November 30.—Follow-  
ing several months of active prepara-  
tion the flotilla of six torpedo de-  
stroyers which is to precede the Evans  
battleship squadron to the Pacific  
coast is tonight practically in complete  
readiness for the start on its long  
voyage which begins on Monday morn-  
ing next. The task of fitting out the  
vessels composing this flotilla has  
been the most important undertaking  
at this yard since the departure sev-  
eral years ago of the first torpedo  
flotilla which made the long and suc-  
cessful voyage to the Philippines  
where the vessels are still stationed.  
While the trip of the first flotilla ac-  
ross the Atlantic and subsequently  
through the Indian and Pacific oceans  
established the seaworthiness of the  
class of boats composing the flotilla  
about to start for the Pacific, these  
vessels are in no way designed for  
the carrying of provisions, etc., and  
the naval auxiliary Arethusa has been  
fitted out here and assigned as convoy  
and supply ship for the trip beginning  
Monday.

The Arethusa carries provisions  
and supplies for a much longer period  
than it is estimated will be required  
for the run to the Pacific and besides  
carries in her great hold propellers,  
rudders and supply machinery of all  
kinds that might be needed in a  
breakdown emergency by any of the  
boats. Besides the fact that the flo-  
tilla is to make a greater number of  
stops en route than the battleship  
squadron soon to follow, the vessels  
are so small that the speeding of them  
makes living most uncomfortable a-  
board and for this reason they will  
take it along moderately slow so as to  
insure every possible comfort to the  
officers and men. Lieutenant Com-  
mander Hutchinson I. Cone, who com-  
mands the flotilla, was busy all of to-  
day aboard of his flagship, the Whip-  
ple, completing all unfinished details  
and final plans of departure. The flo-  
tilla, composed of the Whipple, Trux-  
ton, Lawrence, Stewart, Hopkins and  
Hull, will upon their departure Mon-  
day, pass immediately out of the Vir-  
ginia capes, laying their course south-  
ward.

BIG FIRE IN LOUISIANA TOWN  
One Life Lost: Over \$100,000 Worth  
of Property Destroyed.

Covington, La., November 30.—One  
life was lost and over \$100,000 worth  
of property was destroyed in a fire  
near here today where St. Joseph's  
academy, St. Joseph's convent, St.  
Joseph's Monastery and St. Joseph's  
Catholic church were burned. All of  
these institutions occupied a lot near  
Covington. When the ruins were  
searched this afternoon the charred  
body of Rev. Joseph Buck, who was  
attached to the academy, was found.  
He had been cut off from escape by  
the flames in the academy building  
and burned to death.

The fire, which started in the dor-  
mitory of St. Joseph's academy, was  
caused by a radiator becoming too  
hot. There were 110 students in the  
academy when the alarm was started  
and many of them had narrow escape.  
But Rev. Buck is believed to have  
been the only one to lose his life.

The buildings were all practically  
new. Rev. Buck's library containing  
over 8,000 valuable works, and that  
of the students with 1,000 volumes  
were destroyed.

Lynchings Prevented.

Columbus, Ga., November 30.—S.  
W. O'Neill, with the help of Deputy  
Sheriff Grover Willis prevented the  
lynching late last night of Charles  
Thomas a negro. Thomas attempted  
a criminal assault on Clara Siver, a  
negro woman. He was captured by  
negroes of the neighborhood who were  
proceeding to lynch him when the of-  
ficer summoned by Mr. O'Neill arrived  
and took charge of the prisoner.

## SPEAKER OF HOUSE

John Sharp Williams Named  
by Democrats

## IN CAUCUS YESTERDAY

Placed in Nomination by Thomas  
of North Carolina

Delivers Stirling Address in Placing  
Williams' Name Before Caucus.  
Was Superior in Many Respects to  
Any Man Ever Chosen to be Leader  
of the Democracy.

Washington, November 30.—By  
agreeing to place in nomination for  
speaker, Hon. John Sharp Williams, of  
Mississippi, the democratic members  
of the house today in effect deter-  
mined to continue him in the position  
of minority leader for the 60th congress.  
The nomination of Mr. Williams was  
agreed on in a caucus of the demo-  
cratic members held in the hall of  
the house of representatives, begin-  
ning at 2 o'clock today. Representative  
Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama,  
presided and Representative Ryan, of  
Buffalo, N. Y., district was chosen  
secretary.

Immediately after the organization  
of the caucus had been completed  
Representative Thomas of North Caro-  
lina, was recognized and he proceed-  
ed at once to place Mr. Williams in  
nomination. There was no opposition  
and Mr. Williams was elected by ac-  
clamation. In presenting Mr. Will-  
iams' name Mr. Thomas said in part:  
"Re-elect him minority leader, fel-  
low democrats, and from whatever  
part of the union of states you come  
what ever your personal views as to  
democratic policies, you will find him  
fair to all, aggressive, yet conserva-  
tive, the best type of southern states-  
manship of a democracy which believ-  
es with Jefferson in equal rights to  
all and special privileges to none,  
which opposes monopoly, which stands  
for strict construction, and stands al-  
ways for the rights of the people and  
the states."

"For four years he has led the re-  
publican hosts upon this floor. Always  
at his post of duty and in the fore-  
front and thickest of the fight, he  
has been able, adroit, skilful, honest,  
courageous and successful. His tact  
and energy, power of organization and  
ability as a debator, have been un-  
surpassed by any leader of the minor-  
ity without exception, in my opinion."

"He served in the ranks under both  
his predecessors, Mr. Bailey and Mr.  
Richardson; and with the highest re-  
spect for the intellectual ability and  
parliamentary skill of both, those of  
us who know John Sharp Williams  
best and love him most regard him  
as the peer of either and the superior  
in many respects of any man who has  
ever been chosen the 'Leader of the  
democracy.'"

"We have followed him here with  
implicit confidence even as the Hugue-  
nots followed the white plume of  
Henry of Navarre. He is the ablest  
debator today in either branch of  
congress; the most tactful, skilful,  
resourceful leader democracy has ever  
had, and I hope to see him continue  
to lead the minority until he takes  
his place as senator from Mississippi.  
The son of a father, a martyr to the  
Lost Cause who died at the head of  
his regiment, the Twenty-seventh  
Tennessee, at Shiloh, the whole south  
claims him, for he was baptised in  
the sacred blood of one of her heroes.  
By study and training and inheri-  
tance a disciple of Thomas Jefferson,  
saturated with Jeffersonian democracy  
the whole democratic party claims  
him."

"From the time he entered the 53rd  
congress to this good hour he has  
never made a fight where victory was  
possible in Mississippi or here where  
he did not win. He has held his  
leadership as a great trust for re-  
mocracy; perfected the organization of  
his party upon the committees, and  
united as far as possible in the power  
of mortal man, the democratic minor-  
ity."

Mr. Thomas' speech was received  
by the caucus by signs of lively ap-  
preciation and their approval of its  
subject was expressed in loud applause.

Mr. Williams was absent from the  
chamber when his election took place  
but he was soon afterward escorted  
to the floor by a committee appointed  
for that purpose, and after the cessa-  
tion of the applause he spoke at some  
length thanking his fellow members  
for the confidence reposed in him and  
promising to serve them to the best

of his ability. He specially urged them  
to stand together in the support of  
party principles, saying it was the  
most important at this time that the  
democrats should have "team work."  
Mr. Williams made no mention of  
the financial conditions. He empha-  
sized the advice that the democrats  
should resist every tendency on the  
part of the administration toward  
executive usurpation, and declaring  
that the republican party is more di-  
vided now than it has been before,  
he advised the democrats to stand to-  
gether on all essential lines of action.  
"We should," he said, "work together  
as a football team, and by so doing  
we may win important victories in the  
not far distant future."

## THE PYTHIAN CONVENTION

Delegates Will Arrive Tomorrow.  
Meeting at 8 O'clock at Night.

The delegates from the several  
Pythian lodges in the Wilmington  
district to the District convention,  
which meets in this city tomorrow  
night, will arrive during the morning  
and early afternoon tomorrow and it  
is expected that more than one hun-  
dred visitors will be in attendance.

Following the ride to the Beach in  
the afternoon, at 6 o'clock there will  
be a dinner given at the Wilmington  
Cafe in honor of the visitors and at  
8 o'clock the convention will meet, be-  
ing presided over by Colonel Walker  
Taylor.

After the session has adjourned, the  
visitors will be given a theatre party  
in the beautiful new Crystal Palace on  
Second street.

## ANNUAL M. E. CONFERENCE

Will be Held During Coming Week in  
Newbern

The annual North Carolina confer-  
ence of the Methodist church will con-  
vene in Centenary Methodist church  
in Newbern on next Wednesday morn-  
ing at 9 o'clock.

The ministers and delegates from  
the four local Methodist churches will  
leave on Tuesday afternoon for New-  
bern. On the same train there will be  
the ministers and delegates from many  
of the towns in this section of the state,  
who will arrive during that morning  
on the Seaboard and A. C. L. incoming  
trains.

A large attendance is looked for at  
the conference and the sessions will  
undoubtedly prove of great profit and  
interest.

## LOCATES IN WILMINGTON

Mr. Burnett H. Stephens Opens up  
Architect's and Consulting Engi-  
neer's Office.

Mr. Burnett H. Stephens, who had  
charge of the construction and archi-  
tecture of the mammoth Swift Fertil-  
izer Works up the Cape Fear river, his  
friends will be greatly pleased to learn  
he has decided to make Wilmington his  
home and he has opened an office in  
the Southern building, Room No. 406,  
for the practice of his profession, archi-  
tectural work and consulting engi-  
neering. Mr. Stephens will still be  
connected with the Swift Company  
but he will have ample time to attend  
to the work entrusted to him.

Mr. Stephens has had a varied and  
successful career as an architect and  
is prepared to take care of anything  
entrusted to him in his line.

## GOVERNOR GLENN INVITED

To Deliver Address Before National  
Rivers and Harbors Congress in  
Washington.

Hon. J. E. Ransdell, member of con-  
gress and president of the National  
Rivers and Harbors congress, has hon-  
ored the state by inviting Governor R.  
E. Glenn to make an address before  
the congress on one of the nights, dur-  
ing its sessions in Washington on De-  
cember 4, 5 and 6.

Governor Glenn has accepted the in-  
vitation and those in attendance at the  
congress will undoubtedly hear an elo-  
quent and instructive address.

The North Carolina branch of the  
National Rivers and Harbors Congress  
will be largely represented at the gath-  
ering, it being expected that a big ma-  
jority of the more than one hundred  
delegates who have been appointed will  
attend the congress.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Regular Monthly Meeting Tomorrow  
Night.

The regular monthly meeting of the  
board of aldermen, tomorrow night,  
will probably be one of the most im-  
portant and interesting held in many  
months. The waterworks question  
surely will be brought up for consid-  
eration, although prospects do not point  
to an amicable settlement of the mat-  
ter, and the saloon question, it is be-  
lieved will come up before the board.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock  
in the city hall and a large crowd of  
citizens will likely watch the proceed-  
ings.

Ladies, you are cordially invited to  
visit La France Shoe Parlor Monday,  
and see the new spring styles on dis-  
play.

Children's fur sets 98c to \$5.95  
at Rehder's.

## VISITORS WELCOME

Mayor and Citizens Make  
Statement

## IN REPLY TO DR. HALE

City Stands Ready to Entertain  
All Delegates

Mayor Springer Issues Statement to  
the Press of North Carolina—Sharp  
statement From Representative Cit-  
izens—Convention Committee Should  
Blame and Wires Again to State  
Papers That Entertainment Cannot  
be Secured.

The telegram sent out by Dr. F. D.  
Hale, pastor of the First Baptist  
church Friday to the different state  
papers, stating that only delegates  
could be entertained at the state con-  
vention in Wilmington next week, on  
account of unforeseen conditions and  
asking that the Baptists reduce their  
representation, created a great stir in  
the city yesterday and it was the prin-  
cipal topic of conversation during the  
day, being generally considered as a  
direct slur on the hospitality of the  
citizens of Wilmington.

During the morning Mayor Springer  
believing that the city had been  
placed in an improper light sent the  
following telegram to the afternoon  
papers in different towns and the state-  
ment will also appear in the morn-  
ing papers today:

"Mayor's Office,  
"City of Wilmington, N. C.,  
"November 30, 1907.

"To the Baptists of North Carolina:

"My attention has just been called  
to a telegram signed and furnished to  
the press, by Rev. Fred D. Hale, pas-  
tor of the First Baptist church of this  
city, stating that on account of what  
he terms unforeseen conditions the  
people of this city are reluctant or un-  
willing to open their homes to visitors  
who wish to attend the Baptist con-  
vention which meets here next week.  
I know of no conditions that have  
arisen or could arise to cause such a  
situation. I am informed that there  
have been no proper efforts made to  
secure homes, the first intimation that  
we have had that the delegates and  
visitors were not properly provided  
for being contained in the telegram  
referred to.

"This is an unwarranted and unjust  
attack on the hospitality of our citi-  
zens, whose homes have been and  
are now open to receive and entertain  
visitors.

"I am requested to say that our peo-  
ple will cheerfully provide entertain-  
ment to all who desire to attend the  
Baptist convention next week, and I  
will take pleasure in making provision  
for any delegates, visitors, and ladies,  
who will wire or write me.

"W. E. SPRINGER, Mayor"

Later, in discussing the matter more  
at length with a Messenger reporter,  
the mayor said:

"My attention having been called  
to the text of a telegram sent out  
from here to the leading daily papers  
of the state on yesterday by the Rev.  
F. D. Hale, requesting the Baptist  
brethren of the state to reduce their  
representation at the state convention  
here next week, in the course of which  
it is stated among other things that  
because of unforeseen conditions only  
delegates will be entertained and no  
ladies, I take this occasion to say that  
I am assuaged by the chamber of com-  
merce, and many leading citizens of the  
city that upon this occasion, as in the  
past, Wilmington will throw wide open  
her doors to the Baptists of North  
Carolina, male and female, pledging  
in advance a hearty welcome and com-  
fortable homes for all who come into our  
minds: on this occasion. From all I  
can gather but few if any of our people  
outside the membership of the Baptist  
church here have been asked to en-  
tertain delegates or visitors to the con-  
vention and all with whom I have  
spoken on the subject have uniformly  
expressed a perfect willingness and  
pleasure to entertain one, two or three  
of the delegates at their homes or the  
hotels and boarding houses.

"Proud of the open-handed hos-  
pitality for which Wilmington and  
her good people have been famous  
for more than one hundred years, the  
citizenship of the community regret ex-  
ceedingly Dr. Hale's language and ex-  
planations as a reflection upon a dis-  
tinguishing characteristic of our peo-  
ple, for which they are justly proud  
without regard to their religious or  
denominational affiliations. As mayor,  
I therefore speak for the city and our  
people of all denominations when I  
say that a committee of leading citi-  
zens has been and stands ready to co-  
operate with Dr. Hale and the enter-  
tainment committee of the church here  
to find and provide comfortable homes  
and pleasant surroundings for our  
Baptist brethren throughout the state  
who are to be our guests here next  
week.

"In this connection, it is only fair  
to say many of our people had over-  
looked the date for the convention  
and not having been called on to  
provide homes for the visitors, I feel  
sure that with this explanation they  
will be acquitted of the charge of any  
lack of hospitality on our part to Chris-  
tian visitors in our midst. While  
there has been some friction in minis-  
terial circles here in connection with  
local issues, it does not follow that  
this carries with it any forfeiture or  
sacrifice of a predominating character-  
istic of our people and those who have  
been entertained at our homes in the  
past, can best speak as to the hos-  
pitality they have received at our  
hands. Those who come among us  
next week will be accorded the same  
cordial welcome to our hearts and  
homes."

The above expressions from Mayor  
Springer seem to be the sentiment  
as expressed by dozens of the promi-  
nent business men and citizens of Wil-  
mington, who regretted exceedingly  
the unfortunate incident which reflect-  
ed so strongly on the hospitality of  
Wilmington people.

During the day a signed statement  
was issued which resented in no un-  
certain terms the intimation that the  
citizens of Wilmington were derelict  
in their duties, the statement having  
been signed by a number of representa-  
tive business men, reading in part as  
follows:

"As citizens of Wilmington, to the  
manor born, loving its traditions, hon-  
oring its fair name and hopeful of its  
continued prosperity and helpful in-  
fluence, we protest against the unwar-  
ranted strictures of the Rev. F. D.  
Hale in his local communications and  
telegraphic dispatch. Until his remark-  
ably indecorous article in our evening  
paper of Thursday appeared, we were  
not aware that our Baptist friends were  
not able to take care of the convention  
themselves and this impression was  
strengthened by the fact that we had  
not been approached by any one in the  
matter of entertaining delegates. It  
has always been the custom in Wil-  
mington, on occasions of this kind, to  
appoint a local committee whose duty  
it was to call on the citizens and so-  
licit their support in providing for  
delegates, and our people have never  
failed to respond most liberally to the  
needs of the occasion. If such a com-  
mittee has been appointed by the  
Baptist churches of Wilmington the  
fact has escaped our notice and un-  
doubtedly had such a committee been  
appointed and publicly announced,  
there would have been voluntary of-  
fers to entertain delegates, and the fact  
that we knew of no such committee  
confirmed the impression that the Bat-  
tists were able to take care of the con-  
vention without outside assistance."

"Under these circumstances and with  
out any knowledge on our part that  
assistance was needed, Dr. Hale im-  
pugns the hospitality of Wilmington  
in a most unwarranted manner and  
right in the face of his daily admo-  
nition for christian forbearance, love  
and charity. We think that the char-  
acter of Wilmington's hospitality is  
too well established to be destroyed  
by the aspersions of one who is a com-  
parative stranger in our midst, and  
whose opinions on many subjects  
some of us do not care to espouse."

"(Signed) J. A. Taylor, S. Jewett,  
C. W. Worth, B. G. Worth, James I.  
Metts, Jas. H. Waters, Walker Tay-  
lor, H. L. Vollers, R. C. DeRosset, E.  
C. Holt, J. W. Carmichael, James  
Kyle, S. P. McNair, G. J. Boney, Jas.  
G. Barrentine, J. W. Freeman, G. W.  
Chestnut, W. F. Robertson, Fredell  
Meares and R. C. Cantwell."

One of the incidents in connection  
with the matter during yesterday was  
a statement made by Messrs G. E. Left-  
wich, W. C. Peterson and C. C. Brown  
the committee on hospitality for the  
approaching convention, in which they  
stated that the committee was respon-  
sible for the telegram sent out to the  
papers, signed by Dr. Hale, as he sent  
it by instruction after the committee  
had exhausted the last resort to supply  
homes for the guests.

After the appearance of Mayor  
Springer's telegram, in which he took  
issue with the Baptist minister as to  
the willingness of the Wilmington  
people to entertain delegates, the com-  
mittee on hospitality of the Baptist  
church held another meeting and af-  
ter considering the question at length  
they sent out the following self-explan-

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